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The Indonesian Situation
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1. The Bogor Palace conference of 20 November was merely a continuation of the contest of maneuver between President Sukarno and army leaders, with the eventual outcome still very much in doubt.

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4. Physical power still remains with the army, which is forging ahead with its anti-PKI drive. However, Sukarno feels that his position vis-a-vis the army is improving and his confidence is on the rise. This has been made apparent by Sukarno's refusal to ban the PKI and dismiss Foreign Minister Subandrio

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despite the demands of the army and army-influenced political and religious organizations, by his persistent efforts to reestablish his control over the country's news media, and by his increased political maneuvering of the past several days.

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6. Meanwhile, the army still is being hard-pressed to finance its anti-PKI operations and accommodate the large number of political prisoners being taken into custody. Arrests of PKI members in Sumatra and Java alone reportedly total over 25,000 to date.

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